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1. IN JULY 19 FAREWELL CALL ON LT. COL. FELLI, COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING, AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS ON \$19 MILLION LOAN AS WELL AS REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE A.I.D. PLANNING.

2. LOAN NEGOTIATIONS:

A. AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD GOG CONCERN, WHICH HAD BEEN CLEARLY EXPRESSED, THAT SOME OF LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY U.S. SEEMED TO REFLECT RELATIONSHIPS OF PRIOR HISTORICAL ERA WHICH NO LONGER OBTAINED. AT SAME TIME, WE WERE BOUND BY EXISTING LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS AND ALSO NEED OF DEPT AND AID/W TO ACCOMMODATE CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC ATTITUDES AT TIME WHEN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS HAVE FALLEN

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INTO GENERAL DISFAVOR. FELLI SAID THAT LOAN AGREEMENT

TEXT PRESENTED BY U.S. APPEARED TO BE OLD STANDARD DOCUMENT WHICH DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT MAJOR CHANGES IN FOREIGN POLICY OF BOTH GHANA AND U.S. FOR EXAMPLE, U.S. IS PURSUING DETENTE, AND PROVISIONS ON TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ARE OUT OF DATE.

B. AMBASSADOR WONDERED WHETHER IT MIGHT BE TO GOG ADVANTAGE TO EXPAND SPECIFIC ITEMS FOR WHICH IT DESIRES FINANCING UNDER LOAN INTO BROADER PRODUCT CATEGORIES. THIS WOULD GIVE GOG GREATER FLEXIBILITY. PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT, DESIGNATION OF CATEGORIES RATHER THAN ITEMS WOULD FIT BETTER INTO EVOLVING CONCEPTUAL AND PLANNING FRAMEWORK OF U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AROUND THE WORLD.

3. MEDIUM-TERM AID PLANNING. USAID MUST WORK UP FORWARD PLANNING FOR SEVERAL YEARS AHEAD, AMBASSADOR NOTED, AND THIS NEEDS TO RELATE TO GOG PLANNING. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CONTEMPLATED FIVE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN CANNOT BE PRODUCED OVERNIGHT, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE SEEING GOG DRAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PAPERS AS A MEANS OF KEEPING IN PHASE. FELLI SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT AN OUTLINE OF THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO BE READY BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. IT WAS AGREED THAT GOG DIRECTOR OF PLANNING BASOAH WOULD CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS WITH USAID DIRECTOR NORTH AND GIVE HIM SUCH GOG FORWARD PLANNING GUIDANCE AS WAS POSSIBLE.
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